

thereof, and shall cause a hydrant key to be deposited at each place within the corporation where a corporation fire engine is kept and do such other things for the purpose aforesaid as he shall deem expedient.

**207. Public water supply.**—(1) The corporation shall provide a supply of wholesome drinking water within the city and shall erect sufficient stand pipes, fountains and other conveniences for the gratuitous supply of water.

(2) The commissioner may close a public hydrant or other convenience when it is no longer required for the supply of wholesome water to the public.

**208. Power to lay mains.**—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the corporation may lay a main whether within or without the local limits of the city,—

(a) in any street or any land vested in the Government, the corporation or any other local authority ;

(b) with the consent of every owner and occupier of any land not forming part of a street, in, over or on that land,  
and may inspect, repair, alter or renew or may at any time remove any main so laid ;

Provided that where the consent required for the purpose of this sub-section is withheld, the corporation may, after giving the owner or occupier of the land a written notice of its intention so to do, lay the main, in, over or on that land without such consent.

(2) Where the corporation, in exercise of the powers under this section, lays a main in, over or on any land not forming part of a street or land referred to in clause (b) of sub-section (1), or inspects, repairs, alters, renews or removes a main so laid down in, over or on any such land, it shall pay compensation to every person interested in that land for any damage done to, or injurious affection of